BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

IN THE MATTER OF:

CHIDOZIE JOSHUA ONONUJU, D.O.,

Holder of License No. 5007

For the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona

Case No.: DO-13-0140A

CONSENT AGREEMENT, FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND STIPULATED ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") and Chidozie Joshua Ononuju, D.O. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender ("Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.
- 2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.
- 3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 4. Respondent admits to the statement of facts and conclusions of law contained in the Consent Agreement and Order.
- 5. This Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary action against Respondent.

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- 6. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction. The acceptance of this Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
- 7. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Board, Respondent and the State of Arizona; and, therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended for any other purpose or administrative regulatory proceeding or litigation in another state or federal court.
- 8. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 9. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.
- 10. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Board's website.
- 11. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED this 16 day of November, 2016.

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JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENTS

Chidozie Joshua Ononuju, D.O.

1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq., to regulate the licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent holds license No. 5007 issued by the Board to practice as an osteopathic physician.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about December 6, 2012, Respondent entered into a Consent Order and Stipulation with the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery wherein he was fined and his license was placed on probation with restrictions, for a minimum of two years based on information of improper care and prescribing.
- 2. As a result of the Michigan Consent Order and Stipulation, the Georgia Medical Board placed restrictions on Respondent's license in Georgia.
- 3. Respondent understands that the voluntary surrender of his license constitutes the revocation of the same and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Databank.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1854(38), which states, "Any conduct or practice that endangers a patient's or the public's health or may reasonably be expected to do so."
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1854 (18), which states, "The denial of or disciplinary action against a license by any other state, territory, district or country, unless it can be shown that this occurred for reasons that did not relate to the person's ability to safely and skillfully practice osteopathic medicine or to any act of unprofessional conduct as provided in this section.

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1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT License Number 5007, previously issued to Chidozie Joshua Ononuju, D.O., for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, is SURRENDERED, and that Chidozie Joshua Ononuju, D.O. shall no longer engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona upon the effective date of this Order.

- Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action and or referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 3. Respondent agrees he shall not apply for an osteopathic medical license in the State of Arizona for a period of at least five (5) years from the effective date of this Consent Agreement. The effective date of this Consent Agreement is the date it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.

ISSUED THIS 2/51 DAY OF November, 2016.



STATE OF ARIZONA
BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

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Jenna Jones, Executive Director

ORIGINAL "Consent for Surrender of License" filed this 2/8 day of November, 2016 with the:

Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners In Medicine and Surgery 9535 East Doubletree Ranch Road Scottsdale AZ 85258-5539

1	COPY of the foregoing "Consent for Surrender of License" sent via mail this 21 57 day of November, 2016 to:
2	Chidozie Joshua Ononuju, DO.
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5	And
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11	COPY of the foregoing "Consent for Surrender of License" sent via electronic mail this 2/5t day of November, 2016 to:
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